

# Recreation

## Threats



### Demand does not Equal Supply

Many of the forest's recreational opportunities are outdated and have not kept up with current trends.



### Facilities maintenance backlogs

Many recreational facilities have what is referred to as deferred maintenance meaning maintenance is not current.



### Special Use Permits backlogs

There are limited resources available to administer a large recreational special uses program on the forest.



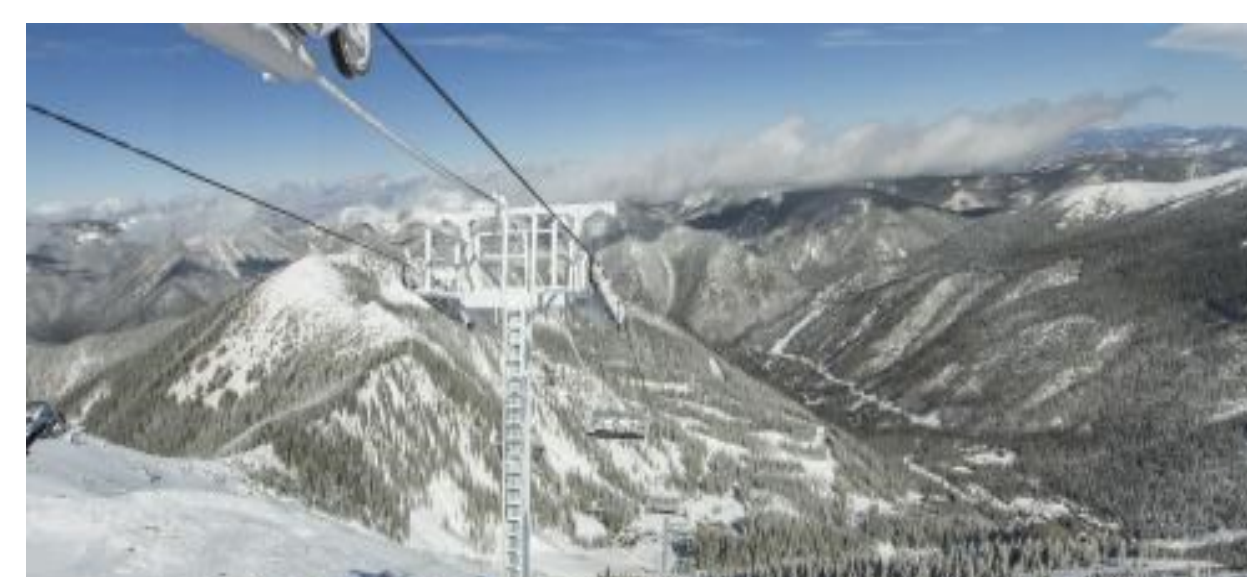
### Declining Budgets

Declining budgets impact the ability to provide and maintain a sustainable recreation program.



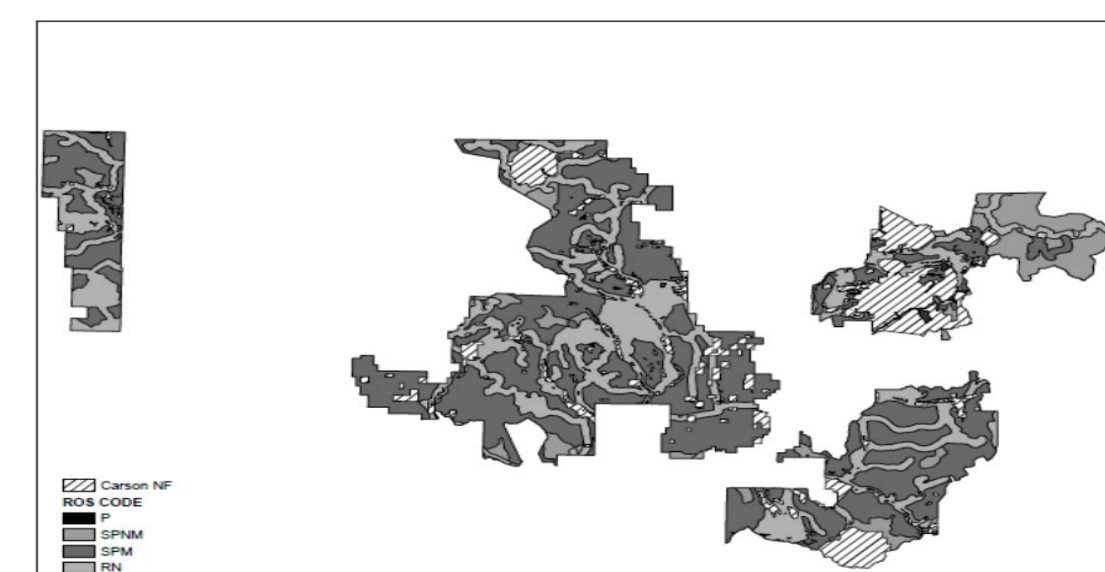
### Building Relationships with Communities

Relationships with communities helps to enhance the benefits the forest's recreation program can provide .



### Special Uses Administration

Recreational special use permits allow groups and businesses to provide recreational services on the forest.



### Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

The Recreation Opportunity Spectrum offers recreational settings from primitive to urban.



### Managing Wilderness Areas

Wilderness areas offer recreational opportunities that stand apart. Wilderness areas also have standards that they must be managed to .

Impact Type	Number of Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Output
Direct impact	1,738	\$41,174,719	\$67,507,249	\$116,126,534
Indirect impact	179	\$4,866,375	\$9,755,615	\$18,294,473
Induced impact	184	\$5,717,876	\$12,304,190	\$19,268,855
Total impact	2,101	\$51,758,969	\$89,567,054	\$153,689,861

### Economic Contributions

The recreation program on the forest offers more economic benefits to local communities than all of the forest programs combined.



### Maintaining Access to Recreation Opportunities

Visitors must be able access the recreational opportunities on the forest. This often requires road maintenance and other needs.

## Desired Conditions



### Volunteer Program

Volunteers are vital to accomplishing work on the ground and building lasting relationships with the groups the forest serves.



### High User Satisfaction

High user satisfaction means the forest is meeting user demand and providing quality recreational opportunities.



### Maintained Facilities

Facilities that are maintained decrease repair costs in the future and contribute to user enjoyment and safety.



### Cabin Rental Program

Having a cabin rental program provides a unique recreational opportunity to the public and the income generated helps to sustain the recreation program.

## Management Considerations

## Potential Solutions

- 1)There is a need for promoting sustainable recreation management and ensure that recreation resources are integrated into all resource management decisions.
- 2)There is a need for managing recreation activities that occur in areas sensitive to resource degradation or at risk due to high visitation.
- 3)There is a need for managing a sustainable trails program while addressing user conflicts, resource damage, and user demands.